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Happy Thanksgiving!

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ALL THUMBS- FROM THE PREZ'S CHAIR

My name is Jay Strickland and I approve this message

Fall, Football season, hunting and some of the best flying weather! What a great time of year. I just realized that I have been your President for twelve months now. Time keeps going by faster and faster. Elections for club officers and Executive Board positions will be during the November general Membership meeting. Speaking of faster, Rick Lindsey was crowned the club pylon racing champion and won the coveted "Styrofoam Cup". There was some great racing and a whole lot of fun. If you are not getting involved in this inexpensive, thrill packed blast of a good time, you are definitely missing out! It seems with these airplane/ engine setups, everyone is competitive and on any given day anyone can win. Thank you to Ben Musolf and Rich Demartini for organizing and running this great and exciting club activity.

In my first column as President I spoke of my "vision" for the club. A lot of that had to do with how we conducted ourselves as fellow RC Aeromodelers. Sometimes it seems we have to step back and remember why we are involved in this hobby. For the great majority it is because we just love flying model aircraft and we love being around others who love to fly model aircraft. We do it because it's fun and satisfying. Safety notwithstanding, we cannot allow it not to be fun and satisfying for everyone. Please go that extra step to help another club member (or non club member) to enjoy his or her day a little bit more. Share some secrets, give a hand, spot for someone or just encourage and applaud a new flyer for their efforts. Our time at the field will be just as good as we make it.

We are developing a club "Master Plan". This will outline our objectives and be a framework for accomplishing the club's goals. The centerpiece of this plan is the runway and the physical structure of Agate Skyways. The plan will also include however, the direction the club will take regarding community service, charitable activities and how we will represent aeromodeling here in Southern Oregon. Please communicate your thoughts on the content of this plan with your favorite board member. The Master Plan must be in accord with the way the general membership wishes to do business if it is to be successful.

Remember the Christmas party at Twin Oaks in Central Point on Saturday night December 1. There will be a great dinner, some prizes and awards and lots of laughs I'm sure! Point of Contact is; Danny Stanton. Avoid "Pilot Air"! That is all for now, Granddog out.

Remember: There are no crashes,

Just different kinds of landings!

Minutes of the Board Meeting for October 23rd. 2012



Opening:

The President, Jay Strickland, opened the meeting for business at 6:58 p.m. at the Central Point Senior Center. There were twelve members present.

Meeting minutes.

A motion was moved seconded and approved to accept the September Board Meeting Minutes.

Old Business.

Runway repair.

The asphalt filling of the runway cracks has been completed. A number of people have checked the work and state that it looks very good and are very satisfied with the job.

Master plan.

Jay stated that he has opened a topic on the web site forum to get member input for the Master Plan. All members are asked to bring forward ideas, directly or via the forum.

Approach flags.

There was a short discussion on the placement of the approach flags that were donated by Bob Campbell. Gary Neal says he will be placing them as soon as possible.

Xmas party.

Ideally we want members to sign up and pay for the Xmas party at the November General Meeting, so that we can get a decent headcount number. It is still possible to pay at the door but it will make many lives easier if we pay in advance.

Rally of the Giants 2013.

Cliff Sands stated that plans are going ahead nicely for this major event. He asked whether it would be a good idea to set up a separate account to handle the event finances. We will be receiving a \$2,000 check from the AMA. There was a general discussion on the plans, the costs, fees, parking float flying, advertising etc. Sub committees will be handling their various tasks.

Big Bird Startup Pads.

Jay reported that the rain has delayed this effort, but all materials, tools and plans are ready. We just need a short break in the rain to complete the project.

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Minutes of the Board Meeting (continued)

New Business.

Tax exempt status.

Jay stated that he has had a very interesting conversation with the I.R.S. It seems that there has been some muddling in the past and the club currently has two I.D. numbers. Our club revenue was overstated and we paid \$400 tax to the IRS. Jay said the IRS rep. was very understanding and co-operative and will work on restoring our position with just the original I.D. number. With any luck we will get a refund. Perhaps the full \$400. Jay is working in completing some forms for the I.R.S.

Replacement runway.

Jay stated that the current cost of asphalt is \$65 per ton. Therefore, today, a 600'x 60' x 3" runway would cost \$43,000. Alternatively a 600'x 60' x 2' would cost \$30,000.

Or, a 500' x 60' x 2.5" would also cost \$30,000.

One way or another it is still the goal to have a new runway in June if possible and there was a short discussion on what we might do in order to raise the necessary funds by then.

2013 event schedule.

The meeting went over the complete calendar year for 2013 and scheduled the events with every effort to avoid conflicts with the other prominent clubs in Oregon. Many clubs do not yet have their events set with firm dates. Art Kelly spoke and asked that we host the NRSCA Pattern Contest on the 28th and 29th of September.

In order to accommodate this, Bruce Tharpe graciously agreed to move the VRCS dates to September 13th and 14th.

The Pattern Contest proposal will have to be taken to the General meeting for a vote.

A motion was moved seconded and approved by the Board to recommend to the General membership to approve the Pattern Contest event on September 28th and 29th.

Our planned event schedule can be seen on the web site, thanks to Rick Lindsey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

No One Flies Alone

by Ben Owen, Milwaukee Area Radio Kontrol Society, Wisconsin

I once lost a big and expensive model on a test flight—a model that took many, many hours to build—sort of like the big and expensive $1/3$ -scale Extra 330L I am finally painting. On that day I was trying to get the engine to run right, put the antenna up, then down, etc. I made the mistake of taking off with it down. Still the receiver was working when a friend called that the antenna was not out; he could have been closer nearby to help prior to takeoff but I don't blame him. Looking down to pull it out took too long and the model stalled and spun. My point here: it was way too soon for me after my first wife's funeral to even be out there. I should have asked for help? Yeah I know; it's a guy thing. We never ask for help right?

If you are in a situation without the full use of you facilities—maybe it is a personal loss, or the day was just too hot and you feel like crap, or one is not thinking clearly—ask for help, or just take the model apart and go home to think about it. Make things move a little slower, give yourself time. Use situational awareness; when it is hot, the sun is too high, you are physically or mentally down, you know what I mean.

We have clubs so we can be friends and help each other. Two minds are truly better than one. There has always been a competitive spirit in modeling but don't let it get to the point of jealousy or back stabbing, we all lose when that happens. It helps no one.

We do have losses in this hobby; let's just try to minimize them. A friend recently lost his model, in a vertical climb; he lost it in the sun. He did throttle back before it hit. Maybe those expensive sunglasses they advertise would help. Or maybe, one of us standing idly by but not helping, including me, should have been out there standing by him and maybe we could have seen something he didn't and helped. That's what a club is for. The excuses: it was the end of the day, it was hot, we were all tired, etc. I'm as guilty as anyone.

I can't always be on hand when someone flies and obviously, my so called "Safety Officer" brain was not working then. Let's make it a club rule: no one should fly without another pilot standing with him, watching for traffic, etc. Let's stop the senseless losses.

If you see someone flying alone, walk out to be that pilot's caller at the flightline to tell him where the other models are in the sky, etc. Even if unasked, it always helps. We guys, we never ask for help right? There is no sin in just helping, unasked. It is what friends do.

And when someone comes out to be your observer, accept it for what it is. In the past, I've had a pilot move away when I walked out to be his observer. He actually walked away—he wanted to fly alone. Then I called out the model traffic he was about to roll and loop into and he thanked me. Accept a friend's help, because we all need it.

Make it a rule: no one flies alone!

Club Corner

Why Did I Get Into This Hobby?

by Jim Wallen, Club Corner Author

Think about all the reasons today's modelers got into this hobby in the first place. The answers are numerous, varied, and wide ranging.

Perhaps decades ago you were at your father's or grandfather's workbench watching the magic taking place before your very eyes. Perhaps you were just driving by a flying site and stopped in to see what that buzzing up in the air was all about. Maybe you saw an advertisement for some AMA club meeting and decided to stop by and check it out.

You could have been fascinated with the remote control aspect and the feeling it gives you in dominating a small machine up in the sky. You might have been bored with your other recreational activities and just wanted to "change things up" a little bit. Many of us got our "juices jangling" when we stopped in to our local hobby shop and looked at some fascinating toys that were not really toys. The list of reasons is really endless.

What do all of these varied ways of getting introduced to our hobby have in common? They all center on having genuine *fun*. In one way or another satisfaction and fun is the hub of it all. Sometimes we tend to forget about the fact that we are all kids at heart and receive a great deal of satisfaction creating and flying our little toy planes.

Let's all try to remember this on those days we take ourselves a little too seriously.

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